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SUMMARY: RASH OF STATEMENTS OVER WEEKEND INDICATES 30TH ANNIVERSARY CONTROVERSY IS FAR FROM OVER FROM YUGOSLAV POINT OF VIEW. NEW CONTRIBUTIONS INCLUDE STATEMENTS BY DONANC, BAKARIC, KOSTA NADJ, AND DRAGOSLAV MARKOVIC, FRONT-PAGE KOMUNIST COMMENTARY, AND OTHERS. APR 14 KOMUNIST AND APR 13 POLITIKA MADE MILDLY FAVORABLE NOTE OF KOSYGIN TOAST APR 9 (REFTEL) WHICH RECOGNIZED CONTRIBUTION OF YUGOSLAV PARTISANS TO WWII VICTORY. BUT THIS HAD NO PERCEPPBLE EFFECT ON OVERALL TONE OF ARGUMENT. CHIEF OF PRESIDENTIAL PROTOCOL HERE HAS INFORMED AMBASSY THAT PRESUMABLY AT INSTIGATION OF SOVIETS SOME LANGUAGE ALTERED IN DOLANC RUDE PRAVO ARTICLE AND SOVIETS THEMSELVES TAMPERED WITH PUBLISHED TEXT BIJEDIC STATEMENTS IN LENINGRAD. END SUMMARY

APR 11 RUDE PRAVO ARTICLE BY DONANC (ACCORDING TO TEXT IN APR 14 KOMUNIST) GIVES LONG SUMMARY OF YUGOSLAV ECHIEVEMENTS
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DURING WWII AND SOCIAL PROGRESS SINCE. HE TAKES CARE TO

UNDERLINE EARLY COMMENCEMENT OF YUGOSLAV UPRISING, LARGE NUMBER OF ENEMY UNITS TIED DOWN BY YUGOSLAV EFFORTS, AND SIZE OF ARMY ASSEMBLED BY PARTISANS. IN MODERATE REBUKE TO RECENT SOVIET ACCOUNTS, DOLANC NOTES SACRIFICES OF SOVIET UNION "SURELY DO NOT DETRACT FROM GREAT CONTRIBUTION MADE BY OTHER COUNTRIES OF THE ANTI-HITLER COALITION."

2. CHIEF OF PRESIDENTIAL PROTOCOL MIRKO MILUTINOVIC TOLD AMBASSADOR APR 14 THAT SOVIETS HAD DOCTORED LANGUAGE OF BOTH DOLANC ARTICLE AND OF BIJEDIC STATEMENTS IN LENINGRAD. MILUTINOVIC PARTICULARLY NOTED REFERENCES TO "VICTORY OF ANTI-FASCIST COALITION" IN ORIGINAL DOLANC TEXT WHICH WERE CHANGED TO "VICTORY OF RED ARMY" IN RUDE PRAVO

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WITHOUT TEXT OF RUDE PRAVO WE HAVE NO WAY OF VERIFYING MILUTINOVIC CONTENTION. WE HAVE SEEN APR 13 PRAVDA, AND BIJEDIC QUOTE GIVEN IS UNLIKELY ENOUGH THAT IT BEARS OUT MILUTINOVIC.

3. LESS RESTRAINED THAN DOLANC COMMENTARY WAS BAKARIC INTERVIEW TO ZAGREB TV WHICH ASSERTED THAT YUGOSLAV COMMUNISTS, IN BEGINNING THEIR UPRISING, IGNORED CERTAIN "PROPAGANDA" (EVIDENTLY SOVIET) WHICH ADVISED THEM TO WAIT UNTIL THE PROPER TIME TO HELP THE "MAIN ARMIES." THIS ADVICE MEANT "WAIT UNTIL THOSE ARMIES IMPOSE THEIR ORDER UPON YOU", BAKARIC SAID, AND CONCLUDED "WE WERE AGAINST THAT AND DID NOT WAIT." HE HIT THOSE "WHO SEE WITH OLD EYES" IN THE EAST WHO WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR CURRENT "UNDERESTIMATIONS" (BUT BALANCED THIS WITH EVALUATION OF MORE SERIOUS "ENMITY AND ILL-WILL" FROM THE WEST).

4. APR 14 FRONT-PAGE KOMUNIST COMMENTARY TOOK LINE SIMILAR TO DOLANC ARTICLE IN BUILDING UP ROLE OF YUGOSLAV PARTISANS, AND HIT ATTEMPTS TO BELITTLE THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS. KOMUNIST ALSO NOTES KOSYGIN TOAST APR 9 WHICH RECOGNIZED CONTRIBUTION OF YUGOSLAV PARTISANS TO WWII VICTORY. "OUR PUBLIC POSITIVELY RECEIVED THIS DECLARATION", KOMUNIST SAID. APR 13 POLITIKA COMMENTARY MADE SIMILAR NOTE OF KOSYGIN TOAST BUT BOTH NOTES SEEMED RATHER RESTRAINED IN THEIR APPROVAL OF KOSYGIN'S CONCESSION.

5. APR 12 KOSTA NADJ SPEECH TO NIS VETS HIT ATTEMPTS TO COUNTER-FEIT HISTORY AND BELITTLE YUGOSLAV RESISTANCE MOVEMENT. PRESIDENT OF SERBIAN ASSEMBLY MADE SIMILAR CONDEMNATIONS OF ATTEMPTS TO NEGATE OR BELITTLE YUGOSLAV WWII RESISTANCE IN APR 13 SPEECH TO KRAG-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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UJEVAC VETS. APR 13 BORBA AIMED NEW BARBS AT ARTICLE IN SOVIET MAGAZINE SOVIET UNION ON 30TH ANNIVERSARY WHICH AMONG OTHER ELEMENTS INCLUDED MAP OF WAR SITUATION IN SPRING 1945 WHICH SHOWS NO FIGHTING AT ALL IN YUGOSLAVIA.

6. SERBIAN PRESIDENT DRAGOSLAV MARKOVIC ADDED ANOTHER TO SERIES OF ATTACKS ON BULGARIAN "NATIONALISM AND CHAUVINISM" IN APR 12 SPEECH IN DIMITROVGRAD (REFTEL). APR 11 TANJUG COMMENTARY ATTACKED

BULGARIAN PRESS CLAIMS THAT BULGARIAN ARMY LIBERATED AREAS OF YUGOSLAVIA IN WHICH, AS TANJUG STATES IN CAREFULLY-TURNED DIG AT BULGARS, " THE YUGOSLAV NATIONAL LIBERATION ARMY HAD BEEN FIGHTING GERMAN, ITALIAN, AND BULGARIAN FASCISTS SINCE 1941."

7. COMMENT: IN IS NOW EVIDENT THAT IF SOVIETS THOUGHT THEY COULD DE-FANG DISPUTE WITH YUGOSLAVS WITH ONE MEA-CULPA BY KOSYGIN, THEY MISJUDGED DEPTH OF YUGOSLAV FEELING. WE NOT MOST OF ABOVE POST-DATES KOSYGIN TOAST, WITH NO EVIDENT CHANGE IN TONE.
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